Tree Plantation by CPWD

721. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3371 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1994 and state:

(a) what was the target of planting trees during 1994-95 and how many trees were actually planted;

(b) the number of trees that survived and what is the total number of trees in the C.P.W.D. area as on 31.3.95;

(c) what is the target of planting trees during 1995-96 and how many trees have been planted so far; and

(d) the reasons for not auditing the record of plantation of trees and the steps taken to introduce such an audit for effective measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The target of planting trees during 1994-95 was 2.65 lacs (0.65 lacs trees and 2.00 lacs shrubs) out of which 2.60 lacs 51000 trees and 209000 shrubs) have been planted.

(b) The survival rate of plantation in protected area is 70-80% approximately and in unprotected area is 40-50%. The CPWD have been planting trees in Delhi for the last so many years. But it is not physically possible to mention the number of trees existing as on 31.3.95 in the CPWD area as such a data is not being maintained by the CPWD.

(c) The target for 1995-96 for plantation is 2.00 lacs out of which 18970 trees and shrubs have so far been planted.

(d) Record was maintained but not audited as there was no such precedent. However the Directorate of Horticulture have been directed to plant before the audit such records as may be required by them.

Protected Monuments without Security Staff

722. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of Centrally protected monuments are without any watch and ward staff and thus unsecured; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of the monuments state-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. However, there is an overall inadequacy for which Archaeological Survey of India has worked out the optimum additional requirement.

(b) Does not arise.

Stagnation in the Production of Pulses

723. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of pulses in the country has been stagnating at around 10 million tonnes over the last 30 years and what were the programmes/projects initiated by Government to steps up production of pulses;

(b) the objectives of the Technology Mission under the Ministry of agriculture and whether the Mission was ever commissioned to attempt a crash programme on pulses production and if so the achievements thereof; and

(c) whether government are considering any move whereby contractual production of pulses abroad is envisaged? If so, whether Latin American country is short listed for this experiment?

THE MINISITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Production of pulses has fluctuated between 8.5 million tonnes to 14.3 million tonnes in last three decades. To increase productivity and production of pulses, a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Dvelopment project is under implementation since 1986-87 and at present it is in operation in 25 States and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In addition, Central Sector Scheme of Foodgrains Production programme-Pulses was also implemented from 1989-90 but subsequently merged with the National Pulses Development Project in 1993-94.

(b) The Technology Mission on oilseeds was established in 1986. The long term objective of the Mission is to achieve self sufficiency in Oilseeds production; the short term and medium term objectives are to produce 16.5 million tonnes of oilseeds by 1989-90 and 26 million tonnes by 2000 A.D. Pulses were brought under the purview of Technology Mission from 1990-91. There has been increase in production since then from 12.02 million tonnes in 1991-92 to 14.33 million tonnes in 1994-95 (estimated).

(c) There is no such decision.

Encroachment of Land Surrounding Monuments

724. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the old monuments cum places of worship under the control of A.S.I. at present togetherwith their locations and area;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many cases the boundaries of such places have been extended beyond the prescribed limit by encroaching upon the nearby land and being utilised for other purposes also;

(c) if so, the details of such cases;

(d) whether Government propose to retrieve the land encroached up and limit their misuse; and

(e) if so, when such a decision is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A list is appended Annexure [*See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 23]

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise,

(d) Yes, Sir. Wherever the protected areas of the monument has been encroached upon steps have been initiated with the help of the State Government and local administration for vacating such encroachments and retrieving the land.

(e) Does not arise.

Capacity utilization by Public Sector Fertilizer plants

725. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of capacity utilization by each public sector fertilizer plant at present State-wise;

(b) the reasons for low capacity utilization in these plants;

(c) whether any modernisation plans are likely to be implemented to enhance capacity utilisation of these plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A statement on capacity utilisation in public sector fertilizer plants during 1994-95 is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) With the exception of the Sindri